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## **REMARKS**

The claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jacobsen in view of Nagamoto. Claims 1 and 14 have been amended to limit the striking plate portion and the return portion to a magnesium alloy material while the second layer of the face component is limited to either a titanium alloy material or a steel alloy material. Further, the thickness of the striking plate portion and the return portion as well as the thickness of the second layer have been limited to 0.030 inch to 0.060 inch, and the second layer of the face component having a thickness ranging from 0.030 inch to 0.060 inch.

It is believed that the claims are now allowable. The Applicants therefore respectfully solicit a Notice of Allowance.

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